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H. R. 9861

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 1971

Mr. ARCHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

A BILL

To authorize and direct the Secretary of Defense and the Administrator of the General Services Administration to insure the procurement and use by the Federal Government of products manufactured from recycled materials.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the Congress hereby finds that—

(1) there are many products and materials which, after they have been used or damaged, are discarded or scrapped as waste matter;

(2) the accumulation of this waste matter presents a danger to the health and welfare of the citizens of the United States;

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(3) many products and materials (otherwise discarded as waste matter) could be recovered and reused as the raw material for new products and materials;

(4) such recovery and reuse of such waste matter will abate the noxious and dangerous accumulation of such waste matter and will aid in the effort to conserve our scarce natural resources; and

(5) the Federal Government has the responsibility to lead in the effort to utilize recycled material by procuring and using, to the greatest extent possible, those products and materials which have, as part of their composition, recycled material.

(b) It is the purpose of this Act to authorize and direct the Secretary of Defense (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") and the Administrator of the General Services Administration (hereinafter referred to as the "Administrator") to take the necessary and proper actions to insure the procurement and use (to the greatest extent possible) by the Federal Government of products and materials which have, as part of their composition, recycled material, and to jointly conduct a full and complete study of the feasibility of the procurement and use by the Federal Government of such products and materials.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary and the Administrator are authorized and directed to take the necessary and proper

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actions, including the promulgation of standards and regulations to ensure the procurement and use (to the greatest extent possible) by the department, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Federal Government of products and materials which have, as part of their composition, recycled material. Such standards and regulations promulgated by the Secretary, or by the Administrator, shall be promulgated in the same manner as those standards and regulations promulgated under the provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 relating to procurement and use by the Federal Government of personal property.

(b) The Secretary, through the Defense Supply Agency, and the Administrator are authorized and directed to jointly conduct a full and complete study of which products and materials procured or used by the departments, agencies, or instrumentalities of the Federal Government could be required to have, as part of their composition, recycled material while meeting the use specifications of such departments, agencies, or instrumentalities.

SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary and the Administrator, in carrying out the joint study under this Act, are authorized to secure directly from any executive department, bureau, agency, board, commission, office, independent establishment, or instrumentality any information, suggestions, esti-

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mates, and statistics for the purposes of this Act, and each department, bureau, agency, board, commission, office, establishment, or instrumentality is authorized and directed, to the extent permitted by law, to furnish such information, suggestions, estimates, and statistics directly to the Secretary and the Administrator, upon their joint request.

(b) For the purposes of securing the necessary scientific data and information the Secretary and the Administrator may jointly make contracts with universities, research institutions, foundations, laboratories, and other competent public or private agencies to conduct research into the various aspects of the problem of using products and materials which have, as part of their composition, recycled material. For such purposes, the Secretary and the Administrator are authorized to obtain the services of experts and consultants in accordance with section 3109 of title 5 of the United States Code.

SEC. 4. The Secretary and the Administrator shall report to the Congress, from time to time, the findings and results of the study conducted under this Act and the final report shall be made no later than the one hundred and eightieth day after the date of enactment of this Act. Such final report shall include the findings and results of the study, and specifically—

(1) recommendation as to the necessary and proper

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legislative, administrative, or other actions that should be taken in order to ensure that the departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Federal Government procure and use (whenever possible) products and materials which have, as part of their composition, recycled material; and

(2) what actions the Secretary and Administrator have already taken, either jointly or separately, to promote and ensure the procurement and use by such departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of such products and materials.

SEC. 5. The Secretary and the Administrator shall make a joint annual report to the Congress with respect to the progress that they are making in providing for the procurement and use by the departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Federal Government of products and materials which have, as part of their composition, recycled materials. The report submitted under this section shall be submitted to the Congress within sixty days after the end of the calendar year for which such report is submitted. The first such report shall be due within sixty days after the end of the first calendar year ending after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 6. For the purposes of this Act the term "recycled

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material" means any product or material completed for sale or use which has been—

(1) scrapped, used, damaged, or otherwise discarded; and

(2) recovered in whole or in part and reused as all or part of the contents of any new material or product; or

(3) the salvageable wastes or byproducts of which are recovered and reused as all or part of the contents of any new material or product.

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